### **Health Infrastructure**



### **Project update** Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Batemans Bay Community Health

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# Eurobodalla Regional Hospital construction progressing well

Work on the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is progressing well and remains on track to deliver expanded and enhanced health services to the region, from north of Batemans Bay to south of Narooma. Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland toured the new hospital site recently to see firsthand the progress on this transformative project, which will significantly improve access to high-quality healthcare for the local community.

Since construction began in June this year, the new access road and future hospital car

parking area have been built, bulk site excavation is nearing completion, the foundations for the main hospital building have been prepared, and concrete works for the footings is underway.

View the latest progress photos and find out more on the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital website.

### Batemans Bay Community Health on exhibition

Planning for the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility is nearing completion with the Review of Environmental Factors on public exhibition for a few more days.

The plans are available on Health Infrastructure's website:

<u>www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/on-</u> <u>exhibition</u> and feedback can be provided via the website until midnight Monday 16 December 2024.

The main works construction tender was released in November. Following the completion of the competitive tender process, a builder will be engaged to scope the project.

Construction is expected to start in 2025, and the community will continue to be updated as the project progresses.

Further information about the project is available on the **Batemans Bay Community Health project website.** 



### The new Batemans Bay Community Health will provide a range of services such as:

- Allied Health
- Child, Youth and Family Services
- Women's Health
- Sexual Health
- Community nursing and wound management
- Palliative care
- Aboriginal Health
- Community Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol
- Specialist Outpatient Clinics
- Pathology

The community health service will be built on the Batemans Bay Hospital site and close to the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, providing the community with easy access between the two services.

Read our <u>latest factsheet</u> to find out more about the services that will be offered at Batemans Bay Community Health.

# NSW Ambulance – servicing the Eurobodalla community

NSW Ambulance is a vital part of our community and is working closely with the project team to prepare for the opening of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Recently, we met with their team to learn more about their operations across Eurobodalla and how they triage and care for individuals in life-threatening situations.

Visit <u>Eurobodalla Regional Hospital website</u> to find out more.

### From Sydney to the South Coast: Meet Emily Gregg, our new Redesign Manager

Emily recently moved from Sydney to Moruya to join the Eurobodalla Developments team as the Redesign Manager.

We sat down with Emily to find out what her role involves and how she is enjoying her move to the Far South Coast.



Above: Emily Gregg, Eurobodalla Developments Redesign Manager

#### Tell us a bit about yourself?

I started in Health in 2018 as a Graduate Health Management Trainee in Northern Sydney Local Health District and since then have worked in several roles across the system including statewide roles.

I have worked a lot in the Outpatients and Digital Health Space where most recently I was working to digitise referral pathways across large Sydney hospitals like Westmead and Blacktown.

## What interested you in the Redesign Manager role with the Eurobodalla Developments team?

I have always wanted to spend some time working outside of Sydney so when the opportunity to move to the Far South Coast and get to work in a space which is familiar but would still challenge me was too good to pass up!

### Can you tell us a bit more about what a Redesign Manager does?

My role is a new role in the Eurobodalla team. The Redesign Manager is responsible for looking at the processes in the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health. This means looking at things like how patients will access services and how we can best use the new spaces. I am also looking at processes for our clinical teams and how they will function in the new hospital.

I work closely with the broader Eurobodalla team to support how we will be moving into the new hospital and community health.

What are you enjoying most about your role? I am currently working to understand how we are providing services today.

My specific focus is the community health and outpatient space. This work has allowed me to connect with lots of the amazing healthcare teams across the Eurobodalla.

I really love understanding how and why things work so while some may not love this task this has been enjoyable for me to do and it's also helped me see our services in action.

### It's a big decision to move from the city to a small regional town. How have you found the move? Has anything surprised you?

The move has been easier than I thought it would be. I am loving the opportunity to live on a farm and on the weekends exploring the beauty of the Far South Coast.



Emily and her new farm friend, Tilly

Nothing has really surprised me. I have found everyone to be so kind and supportive since arriving.

The local team have helped me find my way around the town and really supported me from a work perspective.

### Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo

Did you make it to this year's Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo?

The project team was on hand to answer questions about the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility and Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

The 2024 annual Expo was the largest event held to date, with more than 60 exhibitors attending to share knowledge and celebrate health, wellness, and community spirit.



Above: L-R Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland, NSW Health representatives, Brad Scotcher, Penny Cox, Emily Gregg, Erin Algeo and Tracey Bates (front).



Above: L-R Southern NSW Local Health District representatives, Tracey Bates, Jodie Rose, Kellyann Johnson, and Terance Joe.

### Roundabout construction works coming up

To support future access to the new hospital, a new roundabout will be constructed on the Princes Highway. Construction of the new roundabout is expected to commence in early 2025. Further information will be provided to the community ahead of works starting.

The project team will be away for the holiday period from 5pm on Friday 20 December 2024 to 9am on Monday 6 January 2025. During this time the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital construction site will be monitored.

We thank you for your patience while we work to deliver a sustainable, modern and purposebuilt hospital to support the needs of the entire Eurobodalla Shire community.

### Happy Holidays

On behalf of the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health project teams we wish you a safe and happy festive season and thank you for your ongoing support.



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